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[REDACTED], Acting Assistant Director
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Dear [REDACTED]:

I am pleased to note that your letter of October 27 refers to the service which this Department is providing through the Bibliography of Agriculture.

Your suggestion concerning the reporting by Government travelers on foreign publications acquired on official trips is one that has had attention recently in our Department. Following the agricultural team visits by our specialists to Russia, we have worked out a system for the reporting of publications on an individual and informal basis. However, consideration is being given to the development of official guide lines to cover such collecting by USDA travelers. All Library acquisitions from Slavic countries are listed in the Bibliography of Agriculture and, in addition, are reported to the Library of Congress for their special accessions lists.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Roberts
Administrative Assistant Secretary